

## AUGUST 29, 2011—MINUTES OF THE FINE ARTS BOOSTERS MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Jay Heydlauff, president. Members present included Gina Gallus, Mike Haverdink and Melinda Luzbetak. Gilbert school staff included Greg Fisher (HS principal), Kaaren Rogers (HS vocal director), Lindsey Beecher (new superintendent) and Virginia Beecher (5<sup>th</sup> grade language arts teacher and drama coach).

Introduced ourselves to the Beechers and discussed what Fine Arts Boosters do for the school, teachers and students of Gilbert. Kaaren recognized the FAB as being very supportive of the vocal music department. She had a list of 3 students who went to All-State camp this summer; we will reimburse them \$75 each (camp costs went up \$25 this year). This is approximately half of the cost of the camp. She reports that the freshman choir has 18 members.

Kaaren and Virginia (co-directors of the fall musical) discussed plans for the production of “Bye Bye, Birdie.” Auditions begin Sept. 1. The staff may try to set up a matinee performance for middle school students shortly prior to the evening performances. Mrs. Rogers shared that there are insufficient funds in the drama budget to cover all the costs of a musical and asked about FAB helping with the costs. Two years ago the musical cost around \$3300 (includes things like royalties, accompanist fees, set and costume costs, etc.) The yearly school budget for drama (around \$1200) is insufficient to cover all the costs. After some discussion, FAB agreed to reimburse any losses from Fine Arts Booster passes that are used that night, and also offered \$2500 to help with expenses. FAB will attempt to cover some of the \$2500 by selling ads (to businesses) and “good luck” messages (to parents/supporters) that will appear in the musical program. Mrs. Rogers thought Linda Livingston (TAG teacher) may also be working on the program, so FAB may need to coordinate our efforts with her. Mrs. Rogers thought we would need approximately 650 programs. Mrs. Rogers also discussed the need for renting some lighting equipment for the musical. Jay owns some lighting equipment and will discuss using it with her.

Kaaren reported that Mrs. Maguire (art teacher) approached her about re-painting the murals in the Band/Vocal hallway. She is wondering if FAB would help buy the paint for that project. Approved.

Gilbert will not be hosting the 2012 solo/ensemble contest this year as was discussed last year.

Jay mentioned the possibility of a Tech Club at Gilbert, and Virginia volunteered to be the school sponsor for this group. They discussed ideas for topics and speakers, including CY Stephens’ in-service for lighting/sound, etc.

Mike reported that we would get a bulk rate for his membership mailing, in conjunction with the school’s postal rate.

It was noted that FAB has a new website [www.gilbertfab.org](http://www.gilbertfab.org) and that Kaaren has a new choir website, both of which are accessible from the gilbert website; these will be linked to each other, however, to make it easier to find information. It was also noted that there are no speech contest photos on the FAB website; this will be remedied. It was also brought up by Mr. Fisher that there is a list of students whose pictures cannot be published on the website; this list can be retrieved by Penny in the HS office.

Kaaren reported that there are scholarships available for fine arts camps, students just need to apply for them.

It was noted that the FAB meeting dates are incorrect on the interactive school calendar. Melinda will notify Johna to get the dates corrected. They are correct on the FAB website. The next meetings are on September 26, October 24 and November 28. We will be meeting in the teachers' lounge at GHS, which is just off the cafeteria, just past the office, on the left hand side.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.